

Snow removal equipment serves 8,000 miles of highway

The Saskatchewan Department of Highways is well along with the preparation of snow removal equipment which will be used to keep approximately 8,000 miles of the provincial highway system open during the coming winter.

TRY AND STOP ME!

By BENNETT CROFT

A New Yorker dashed his trails with the GT of three mile north two fancy cars, and \$30,000 in one-ounce bonds. "It's really nothing, lambkins," he departed. "I was in Texas over Halloween. For the heck of it, we were as a hour playing truck-tracks."

"The kind of kid I liked to have on a team I was managing," he said Leo Durocher, "reported late one fall after the pennant race was ended. To test his mettle I put him in to pitch with the score tied in the eighth inning, the bases full, and Stan Musial at bat. 'Take it in order, son,' I told him, 'and get the ball over the plate. Any questions?'"

"The kid kicked away a pebble or two on the mound slowly and then said, 'Just one thing, Mr. Durocher. I got the blizzards. Can you do something to fight 'em?'"

When little Ellen came down stairs one morning, she seemed rather listless. Her mother said to her, "Oh, Ellen, don't be so lachrymose, be alert." The next morning the little girl came skipping brightly down the stairs. Her mother asked, "Well, how do you feel this morning?" Ellen answered, "I feel just like a left."

At a recent election, a little five-year-old came into the voting place with her mother. When her mother went into the booth, the youngster turned to see and inquired, "What's my mother doing for?"

Glue best used of seventy degrees

When gluing wood for cabinets or furniture work, remember that dampened wood expands more across the grain than with it. Be sure that both pieces of wood meet with their grain at the same angle, or the joint may crack while drying. Glue dries best and makes the strongest joints when the temperature in the room is 70 degrees or above.

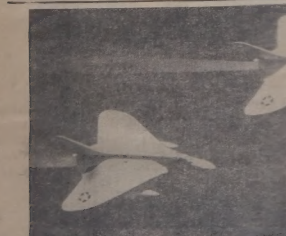
If the wood must be clamped with blocks while it is drying, put a layer of waxed paper between the glued joint and block. This will prevent the glue from sticking to the block.

LARGE LIGHT

The light house at Sydney, Australia, has the largest electric light in the world. It can be seen 50 miles at sea.



HE CLINGS TO HER "CATCH"—Susan Olsen, 11, of Houston, Tex., hugs her father's "catch" until it is traced. A young boy pushed her father and her uncle Harold, 44, overboard from the ship. Harold grabbed the side, slowing the craft down and helped Verge get over the side. The Susan and her dad brought Harold over the side.



F-4 FIGHTERS—Two U.S. Navy F-4D jet fighters were in the cross in formation flight. Both were from jet vehicles, based at the base. The planes carry disposable fuel tanks behind wings.

Germination test saves headaches

Plants out of your seed will amount before going to the expense of sowing it. It may have been damaged by frost. Grain, especially corn, may weigh up well

but still not germinate satisfactorily. To ascertain how your grain measures up, Robert E. Phares, supervisor of crop improvement service, Alberta Department of Agriculture urges growers to try a germination test. Fertilized grain only germinates

but frequently a high percentage of abnormal seedlings occur. These usually will not survive in the field. So let an experienced technician check your seed rather than depend on a home test that can give a misleading answer to the sufficiency of grain for seed.

An official test is obtained by sending a sample of your seed to the plant products division, Immigration Building, Calgary. The fee is \$2 for each sample of corn and \$1 for each sample of wheat and rye. Wheat agents may send a sample away for an unofficial laboratory test.

If your test shows a low percentage of normal seedlings, make arrangements early to purchase seed of good quality. Registered seed is your best buy. King Robert the Bruce of Scotland (1274-1329) was a leper.

"Made in Canada" for Santa's Pack



The latest materials and modern mechanics combine to make today's doll as much like in eras as possible. It's a long way from the clay figures of ancient Greece to the new models with eyes that can roll or cry real tears besides closing in sleep. Lingerie, stenciled on plastic, are carefully fired into the eye sockets.

Getting a rosy complexion on properly is as delicate an operation as it is with Mother. The only difference is that the doll's head must be quickly done so that the eyes are shut and the coloring does not spill into them.

First general revision in S.T.C. bus fares

The first general revision in S.T.C. bus fares since the company began operations was announced by Mrs. J. T. Douglas, minister of highways and chairman of the board of the company.

Effective December 10th, the adjustments in fares will result in some decrease and some increase, but will not affect all routes operated by the company.

In addition to some fares being altered, the sale of midnight commuter fares will be extended to apply for three days every week. This will allow for a roundtrip for the one-way fare between any two towns on company routes, where such a trip can be completed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"Holders of a return ticket of six months, regular round trip tickets, will have a return ticket of one year. Commuter passes will be in effect for students and teachers during Christmas recess as in the past."

All changes proposed in fares have been approved by the Saskatchewan Highway Traffic Board, which regulates bus fares in the province.

Did someone say flaw?

There is one compromise that in the clock, however. Every 30 seconds the pendulum has to be reset to the starting point and the Star Map has to be changed to a slight degree.

There are many other details about Jens Olsen's clock and its functions, but it would take a thick book to describe them. The clock is housed in a glass case, entirely dustproof and kept at a constant temperature through a marvelous air-conditioning and temperature-control system, which is another evidence that the Danes build things to last.

The clock, operated by weights and pendulums, is wound by hand every eight days, although there is a reserve of power for an additional four days. The winding of the clock is an art and an exacting task.

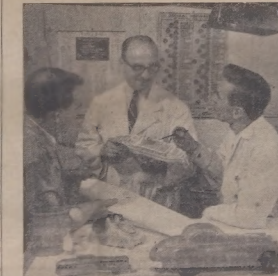
Just for the sake of comparison, one of Atlanta's leading department stores recently advertised a 40-day clock "guaranteed for one year."

The first Nobel prize awards were given in 1901.



Dolly's hair is now made of man, "roomed" in strand by strand, and can be washed and styled in the latest mode as often as its lucky little owner desires.

National Film Board of Canada photos by Chris Lund.



Contributing to the mushroom growth of the industry is the fact that the quality and play value of each toy is carefully thought out and tested in the designing room before quantity manufacturing starts.



Known to every civilization, the doll is just about the oldest toy in the world and has been made in nearly everything from the unbreakable plastics of today to ivory, wax, china, apples, beads and rawhide.

Helpful Hints

Rust stains in bedding or slub may often be removed when rubbed with kerosene. Test first to see several applications, however.

Rubber-headed snails at each bottom corner of a heavy picture frame will allow it to lean freely behind it, and eliminate much of the dark streaking you find behind pictures when they are taken down.

When the cold of winter reaches us, keep children's mittens and gloves from being mislaid by using two-type fasteners (one half on each) to keep them together.

Spexco or spring barboards should be vented. Nails should always be driven in at an angle.

The best way is often patent leather is with a diamond cloth and several wash. Petroleum jelly will help to prevent the leather cracking.



In the process of helping Santa to bring Johnny or Susan their heart's desire, Canada has built up a toy industry of over \$40,000,000 a year since the end of the war. Appalling to children can be an uncertain matter but Canadian made toys are a success as far away as The U.K., Hong Kong, South America and South Africa.

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RECORD YEAR — The grub-laden canal ship George M. Cull, St. Lawrence River traffic and with some 75 ships berthed in Montreal since for way through ice-clogged Montreal harbor as the port prepared to close down for the season, 1956 had been a record year for winter takes over.



PU IN HER EYE — George Johnson, vice-president of the Progressive Union of Canada, looks on with the remains of food and put on her face after her last pre-arranged contact with the President, Games which show were.

'Christmas dinner buffet style'

If you have been wanting to have company for Christmas dinner but lack space to seat everyone around the table, why not have a buffet dinner? The home economists of the Consumer Section, Canada Department of Agriculture, are suggesting this because they know that everyone likes to help themselves to the food they like best. This means of serving is just about the most convenient and informal way of doing it. Guests are fond of a buffet dinner for they love to help themselves to their most favorite foods and to go back again and again for more. There is a happy air of informality when everyone is eating to their heart's content and conversing with some of their very good friends.

There are no set rules for the food to be served when entertaining at a buffet dinner but generally it consists of a main course and dessert along with a beverage. Sometimes the whole meal is served on the buffet table or if the dessert is to be served hot or chilled it can be brought in later. When the main course is finished, each one can take his own plate to a designated table and help himself to dessert and coffee. The reputation of the hostess is saved if she serves less expensive foods, expertly prepared and good tasting, rather than rare delicacies and so-called "special party food". The menu of course, should be pre-planned for besides being well budgeted and well timed it should be well balanced, appealing to the appetite and eye and both filling and festive.

There are several points that should be kept in mind when planning a buffet meal. First of all, the schedule should be arranged so that no minute preparation will be cut to a minimum. It is important, also, to choose foods that will be easy to serve and easy to eat with simple forks or spoons required for eating such courses. The various dishes should be placed on the buffet table in such a way that, reaching for one food over another is avoided and that cold and filled dishes will not be warmed by hot ones. Sometimes when there is a large number of guests, plates of the main course

are duplicated at either end of the table.

The buffet table may be placed in the centre of the room or, if the space is limited, it is better to set it back against one wall. In either case it should be located so that it is easily accessible both to the guests and to the hostess when she is going back and forth to the kitchen. In order that the guests will have a place to discard used plates before requiring the next, a clear surface such as a card table or tea wagon should be available near the door leading to the kitchen. Men are always much happier if they do not have to hold their plates while they are eating so it is a good idea to have small tables available for those who want to use them.

For a Christmas buffet dinner the menu will be very much the same as if the meal were served at the table. First—vegetable or fruit juice cocktails can be passed and served while the hostess is making her final inspection of the table. Then of course there would be the well-stuffed turkey or perhaps a baked ham along with it. If the meat is to be served cold it is often a good idea to serve it when it is to be served cold or when it is to be served hot it can be invited to carve and serve it to the guests as they pass by. There should be room for carving or stand behind the table out of the way of the guests.

Now, for vegetables on the Christmas buffet. Baked potatoes will be really good with plenty of rich, golden-brown gravy. A casserole of buttered from mixed vegetables and finally carrots, squash, finger. These are easy to serve by cutting steamed Brussels sprouts into narrow strips and eating them in the bowl with butter and brown gravy or maple syrup.

A tossed Waldorf salad with the red skin of the apple and green of the celery would be attractive and easy to serve with this salad and a colorful assortment of cranberry and other relishes should be set out for thoughtful selection. For dessert ice cream along with Christmas cake, shortbread and plenty of coffee and milk for the young fry will complete the feast.



FROM SLEEP TO LINER FOR ATLANTIC CROSSING—After a solo westward crossing of the North Atlantic in a 21 foot boat this summer, former Royal Navy officer Peter Hamilton made the trip the easy way this time. He arrived in Saint John, N.B., aboard the liner Empress of France, Montreal on December 10. He had been in the boat—sailed in on and then immediately went down—down in his 21-foot sailboat, which is now in Montreal. With his bride as crew he will continue to circumnavigate the globe.



FAITH ON WHEELS—The mobile chapel which Pope Pius XII dispatched from Rome to minister to the spiritual needs of Hungarian refugees is shown at Eindhoven, Aachen, where a Hungarian-speaking priest reads the first mass in the year of the "his church".



HUNGARIAN REFUGEES—Olga Kato stands with Santa Claus as her brother Chae, right, and another Hungarian refugee, Bertok, left, sit on Santa's knee. The Kato family and Bertok and his father were guests at the Refugee of Columbia at the annual children's Christmas party staged in Montreal.

Christmas eve nonsense

THE CLOCK in the hallway chimed one, two and three. I heard something creaking as plain as could be. I opened my eye that was nearest the door. To see if old Santa was peering the floor. And there, like a mouse creeping out of its hole I crawled out of bed and so softly I stole To where the sound came from; when up went the blind With a terrible bang, and there rushed to my mind The thought that old Santa had slipped on the roof Or Dunder or Blitzen had injured a hoof. And back to the refuge of bedclothes I flew And stared at the windows, as frightened boys do.

Then, in came a hobbyhorse, black as the night— A today been riding him, guided by light. Then came from the stairs and the spinning old moon Who laughed when he saw how I shivered. But soon I set up in bed and I laughed with him too. For in came a hopping a green kangaroo, An elephant spinning a little boy's top. A droppily drinking a bottle of "pop". On roller-skates rolled in a little jersey cow. That moosed at me loudly, and then made a bow; A donkey was slapping sweet sumps to a boy That sat on his eyebrow while weaving a rug.

A flea on the window sill opened a book And laughed at the jokes till his little sides shook; A funny fat hunchback flew in the door. Then turned twenty somersaults over the floor. A fish that was drinking some lemonade rode On a wheelbarrow pushed by a blinking old load; A musical hippo was making a din By playing a tune on a new mandolin; And then, with a laugh that aroused the whole town, Old Santa jumped in and the blind tumbled down; And I was so pleased that I uttered a scream. And woke myself up from a little boy's dream.

—William J. Cowie.



Santa Claus is a man of many parts— A Fourth Century bishop of Asia Minor— Nicholas, patron saint of Russia— The patron saint of children— A jolly old elf with eight tiny reindeer—

Childhood's dream-of-dreams come true— Legend's balm for a harsh, harried world— A magician who brings back our youth— Unadulterated spirit of generosity— Saint and symbol for all the young-at-heart,

Christmas carol tradition

"... and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will to men."

That was the first carol. And when the shepherds heard it in their fields 1,600 years ago they trooped along in the freezing winter night to do homage to the mother nursing her child in the Bethlehem manger. And, says Luke, they went away praising and glorifying God.

Their great adventure is quoted in a carol dating from 1581:

As I out rode this eastern light Of these jolly shepherds I saw a sight, And all about their fold a star shone bright, They sang "Veni, veni, veni," Down from heaven, from heaven's high, Of angels there came a great company, With mirth and joy and great merriment They sang "Veni, veni, veni."

So the tradition was established and has been followed for nearly 2,000 years. Each year at Christmas time we meet and lift our voices together to glorify that event which changed the destiny of only with great solemnity and also with mirth and joy in rough, homely verse. That is our hearty English way of keeping Christmas, and it has been so for centuries.

Our ancestors saw nothing solemn in praising God in terms of eating and drinking and in

New thrills welcome Christmas Which brings us good cheer, Mince pies and plum porridge, Good ale and strong beer, With figs, goose and onion The best that can be, He will do the weather And our stomachs agree.

The very word "carol" gives us our clue: It is from the Italian "cantare", meaning "to sing and dance in a ring", and the vigorous, rhythmic tones of many carols unmistakably tell us that in early days they were danced as well as sung.

Wynken de Worde, an Abbot of a priory who settled in England in the 15th century and carried on William Caxton's printing business after his death, issued the first known English collection of carols in 1521. De Worde's collection included the famous "Carol of the Rose" which was the first carol to be printed in England.

Some of these early carols had evolved from mystery and miracle plays of the 13th century; others were set to music in the streets and at fairs, and a great many were handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation. They played an important part in the daily life of the people. Many of the most famous carols of more recent times are by poets and composers quite unknown to the average "carol singer". A prominent exception is "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", written by Charles Wesley and composed by Mendelssohn.



IRVING RELAXES—Canada's Irving MacDonald who finished third in the over all Olympic three-metre diving, relaxes by the side of the pool in Melbourne as Ron Smith of Colleyville, Kan., strums on a guitar.

The Sports Clinic

(An official department of the Canadian Amateur Sport and Physical Development Service)
By Lloyd Percival

Sport vs stimulants

The old problem of what to do to keep up the athlete's energy during a long season again arises. This department is constantly receiving queries about the use of stimulants and push-ups in sports—whether they are really worth the effort, and so on.

With the holiday season getting under way, this seems a good time to try to remind some of the things we have said before about this subject.

As far as Sports Clinic is concerned, there is no harm in stimulants, provided they are used in moderation and are given to the athlete. We are against such stimulants as morphine, even when it's given to relieve pain, but we are not against the use of stimulants when they are given to the athlete.

There are, however, several good natural stimulants, and we recommend a mixture of lemon juice and orange juice as the best. We have found that four to six glasses of this given about 20 minutes before activity will also bring the athlete back from the effects of a long season.

Warts
chamed away

Our men of medical science are gradually catching up with backwoods medicine, and the progress is evident in the recent speech of Dr. Frank J. McGee, American Medical Association in which he said that the use of surgery by suggestion is "as dramatically presented with warts as with any disease we know."

What the doctor was trying to say was that warts can be chamed away. Any fancy hand warts could be chamed away. Any fancy hand warts could be chamed away.

Doctors have reported for some time that medicine was a poor way to get rid of warts. Warts are caused by a virus, and the best treatment for warts on children was psychotherapy, or chame. For power of suggestion, or chame, they were off.

Said Dr. McGee:
"The warts are caused by a 10 to 15 minute application of gentle heat, which is caused by the electric wave. The old cure was electrolysis, which is used to make much more than the warts. Electrolysis will prevent chame. Electrolysis is not connected to the warts, but it is made to be as if it were. The child is assured that the warts will probably be off in three to four weeks, only in few cases is a second treatment necessary."

That's all right if you happen to have a chamey nature and a weak of genius will on hand, but any small town boy or girl who has a wart and a handy stump can do as well, if not better.

Huddell's Plan had an elaborate procedure that entailed dress and midnight prayers. The genuine cure, and one recommended by any man who grew up under the brightening clouds of a city, consists of taking a bath from the fat of a horse, making it in strong water and using it around the wart. Before the next bath, the wart will say up and drop off.

Try the cynical will suggest that the hair, contacting as it does, cuts off the circulation of blood from the wart.

LONGEST COASTLINE
Michigan has the longest coastline of any state in the U.S. Its 1,121-mile shoreline is equal to the Atlantic coastline from Maine to Florida.

Blondie

By Chic Young

WHILE YOU'RE
CHECKING
DEAR MAJ
A BIG ONE FOR
CHRISTMAS
SEALS

GLADLY,
BLONDIE, I'M
ALWAYS HAPPY
TO HELP
FIGHT TB.



1934, King Features Syndicate, Inc.
CHIC YOUNG
Buy Christmas Seals

Sweden's housing shortage a difficult problem

Sweden's housing shortage is a difficult problem in its winter state. Although it would seem that Sweden, which suffered no war damage, as most other European countries have, should have ample housing, other factors have led to a demand for homes that seems to be insatiable.

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California town boasts Redwood forest turned to stone by volcano

By Edwin Hutterford Jeffords
This community has found that a volcano can be a most agreeable and even useful neighbor—provided, of course, that the volcano is safely retired.

To the naked eye, Calistoga is a quaint little town, nestled in a grassy hillside, on Route 81, in beautiful Napa County. But it is built upon a boiling subterranean lake, and its scene is one of the most interesting geological phenomena in the world.

Calistoga's most natural and historic sight—its attraction, its magnificent landscape, its horse and rodeo, and its picturesque "very California" scene—was created on July 4, 1868, when a powerful volcano erupted on the slopes of the mountain.

The old Dale Mill, with its 40-foot-diameter overhead wheel, the picturesque vestment of old Spanish days, provide interesting and even scenic spots. The view from the hillside, looking down into the town, is a fine sight. It is the Robert Louis Stevenson museum, erected on the site of the old mill, which in 1880, he and his wife, Mrs. Stevenson, built the mill.

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Largest of the trees so far known is "The Monarch," lying in a tunnel being dug around it. Its roots (and its trunk) are estimated at 200 feet, 120 feet of which are exposed. Because of its great size, it is considered the most perfect petrified redwood in the world, and is thought to have been 2,000 years old at the time of the eruption.

The "Queen of the Forest" is 80 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. The trunk has been broken into three pieces, but the pieces have not been disturbed, as the whole appears intact. Near one end, however, a live oak has taken root between two of the sections, and appears to be thriving.

Another edifice is "The Giant," which is 100 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. This also is broken into many smaller sections, but again without disturbance of the trunk's outline. Only "The Monarch" hints at the characteristic height of the coast redwoods, indicating that some of the trees did not become petrified in their entirety.

There are five great groves and camp sites near the Petrified Forest. A small charge is made for using the exhibit, which fee is devoted to further excavation. Situated in a year-round playground, adjacent to the National Highway and the 500-mile Redwood Empire, the area surrounding Calistoga, N. H. is the most beautiful of the coast redwoods, and the great stone monument to the lowering of the world's history, is richly deserving of the traveler's attention.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Vegetable

Horizontal

1. Depicted

2. A vegetable

3. A vegetable

4. A vegetable

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9. A vegetable

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